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1. Approach - Anchorage. Maco is situated at the very head of Davao Gulf. The course from the north end of Pakiputan Straits bears 45°. The anchorage may be reached by proceeding until the Maco sawmill shed is sighted. This is built of corrugated iron and is the most prominent building in sight. Continue until the north end of the mill bears 57° and the fathometer shows 50 fathoms. South of the sawmill is a coconut grove with three houses, the center house bearing 84°. To the right of this grove, a little farther south, is another grove with two houses bearing 106° true. Off to the left of the mill westward is a plantation house near the mouth of the Madamu River which is painted white and bears 288° true. The right tangent of Kopia Island bears 193° true and the right tangent of Samal Island Basso Point bears 223° true. The fathometer will show from 48 to 55 fathoms of water over the entire swinging circle of the vessel. There are many fish traps all around the beach. These, for the most part, are on the edge of the shoal water and give a good indication of how much room there is to swing the vessel. The bottom is mud and good holding ground. Another recommended anchorage is located on the following bearings: Hijo River bearing 306° true, White House bearing 297° true, Tangent of Land bearing 183° true, North end of Kopia Island bearing 195° true, Bare spot on Hill bearing 103° true.
2. Stowage. The stowagers will require enough old winch runners to make Bull Wires to stow the logs in the batches. The logs average about three tons each with 9 to 27 feet in lengths.
3. Provisions. No fresh water nor stores are available.
4. Medical. No medical facilities available.

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